

Report to	Chippenham Area Board
Date of Meeting	10th November 2014
Title of Report	Local Youth Network for Chippenham Community Area

Purpose of Report

To ask the Chippenham Area Board to note the information and consider and approve the recommendations from the Chippenham Local Youth Network (LYN) outlined in this report:

1. To note the appointment of the Community Youth Officer (CYO) for Chippenham Community Area
2. To note the Positive Activities for Young People Toolkit (See Appendix 2)
3. To note the current position regarding community based youth activities
4. To consider the recommendations:
 - Adopt the Leaders Guidance for positive activities for young people and the Terms of Reference for the LYN (See Appendix 1)
 - Revisit to ascertain the relevance of prior consultation re : youth strategy and complete an up to date needs analysis and market the new youth offer model as part of the scoping exercise to ensure up to date overview of current provision. Discussions with partners to include
 - villages and Parish's.
 - neighborhood areas
 - Partners and Stakeholders
 - Develop the idea for a ' Youth Equipment Store' (if highlighted via need analysis)
 - Award Riverbank Studios £5000 for start up and running costs (See appendix 3).
 - Community Area Manager, in consultation with the Community Youth Officer, Chairman of Chippenham LYN and Chairman of Chippenham Area Board, may authorise expenditure in support of positive activities for young people of up to £1,000 per project between Area Board meetings and that this will be recorded at the next available Area Board meeting.

1. Background

- 1.1. Historically, positive activities for young people have been provided by Wiltshire Council on a centrally managed and one size fits all basis. This approach relied on the delivery of youth work and activities via 24 different youth centres across the county. In 2014, Wiltshire Council undertook a wide-ranging review and public consultation on options to reshape youth services – with the aspiration to transform youth activities so that provision responds to the modern lives of young people, focuses on supporting the most vulnerable, provides good value for money, meets the council's statutory duties and delivers the service that communities want.
- 1.2. The council's vision is that all young people have access to a varied and innovative youth offer, shaped by them and their communities. Those who are vulnerable also get the right help when they need it to enable them to tackle problems before they reach crisis point, meaning they are more likely to achieve positive outcomes.
- 1.3. Taking into account the views of young people and other stakeholders, as well as the council's overall vision to create stronger and more resilient communities, it was agreed to implement a community-led model for youth activities. This involves delegating responsibility and resources to Community Area Boards, to bring young people and the community together to develop a responsive and locally driven positive activities offer for young people.
- 1.4. With the right support, the council believes that empowering young people and the community in this way will better deliver what young people want. This will increase opportunities for young people's participation and involvement, and help them to build resilience, make positive lifestyle choices, achieve in learning, gain independence and ultimately make a successful transition to adulthood.

2. Current position

- 2.1. Some current youth provision is continuing as 'going concerns' which the CYO and LYN are looking to support where possible.
 - Riverbank Studios is aiming to continue as Community Interest Company, offering band development support, a recording studio, practice space and showcase performance times.
 - A new 'self defence/ resilience group starting at Riverbank, the Zanshin Group'. run by the CYO in partnership with Genshin Kia International School of Martial Arts with two young volunteers helping, supported by the Olympiad Leisure Centre.
 - The Duke of Edinburgh Award Group continues to be run by a committed group of volunteers. The group is temporarily at Sheldon.
 - There is a 'Youth' store area at Monkton Park with some useful equipment and games.
- 2.2. In the area there is a very good range of sports clubs and activities that young people can access. These include:
 - There are several youth football clubs, youth rugby, youth hockey and youth cricket clubs.,

- There is 'Kandu Kicks' football project –run by Kandu Arts (and supported by GreenSquare and WC)
- Turn and play football at Stanley Park
- 'Door Step Street games' at John Cole Park (WC and Rise Trust).
- The Olympiad Leisure Centre offers swimming, gymnastics, martial arts, squash and badminton, fitness classes and the weight training for post sixteen's.
- A Boxing club (West End Club) and a number of kick boxing clubs.
- Youth Club provision can be found at St Pauls Church Hall run by the Rise Trust, Yatton Keynell, Ladyfield Church, and Sheldon Methodist Church..
- The Dirt Jumps remain maintained by Chippenham Town Council at Stanley park, with seasonal use.
- Chippenham Youth Theatre runs from Sheldon Road Methodist Church.
- Chippenham Canoe and Sailing club offer kayaking, canoeing, and sailing.
- There are a number of uniform groups notably the Sea Cadets, the Army cadets, Air Cadets, Scouts and Guides.

2.3. The action for the LYN to take next in support of implementing the new youth model is to do a needs analysis and consultation exercise. Previous consultation work can be used as a basis for the exercise, to make good use of time, and to take account of expressed views of young people over the past few years that will due to their ages when consulted remain relevant. It will be a good opportunity to health check the broad vision and needs of young people. This approach has been adopted by the LYN and as such it recommends the following be used, though not definitively, as a basis for any consultation aimed at young people and other interested parties;

- Chippenham Youth Strategy 2009 – consultation findings and recognition of different cultural needs (Revisited at Chippenham Children's Parliament in 2010 and 2012)
- Youth Café research 2012 identified need for a drop in café in central location on Chippenham.

3. Community Youth Officer

3.1. Chippenham Area Board is asked to note the appointment of the Community Youth Officer for the Chippenham Community Area

4. LYN Terms of Reference

4.1. Chippenham Area Board is asked to approve the LYN Terms of Reference attached as Appendix 1

5. Positive Activities for Young People Toolkit

5.1. Chippenham Area Board is asked to note the Positive Activities for Young People Toolkit attached as Appendix 2

6. Funding Allocation

5.1 The funding allocation for the period for the remainder of the financial year is £25,620; plus a sum carried over from locally held youth work funds attributed to the historical work of the youth work team; this additional allocation is currently subject to clarification.

7. Recommendations from LYN

7.1	Adopt the Leaders Guidance for positive activities for young people and the Terms of Reference for the LYN (See Appendix 1)	
7.2	Revisit to ascertain the relevance of prior consultation re : youth strategy and complete an up to date needs analysis and market the new youth offer model as part of the scoping exercise to ensure up to date overview of current provision. Discussions with partners to include villages and Parish's. neighborhood areas partners and stakeholders	
7.3	Award Riverbank Studios £5000 for start up and running costs See Appendix 3	
7.4	Develop the idea for a 'Youth equipment Store' (if highlighted via need analysis)	
7.5	Community Area Manager, in consultation with the Community Youth Officer, Chairman of Chippenham LYN and Chairman of Chippenham Area Board, may authorise expenditure in support of positive activities for young people of up to £1,000 per project between Area Board meetings and that this will be recorded at the next available Area Board meeting.	

8. Environmental & Community Implications

8.1. Environmental and community implications were considered by the LYN during their deliberations. The funding of projects will contribute to the continuance and/or improvement of environmental, social and community wellbeing in the community area, the extent and specifics of which will be dependent upon the individual project.

9. Financial Implications

- 9.1. All decisions must fall within the Youth Funding allocated to Chippenham Area Board.
- 9.2. If funding is awarded in line with the Lyn recommendation, Chippenham will have a Youth Funding balance of £20620

10. Legal Implications

10.1. There are no specific legal implications related to this report.

11. HR Implications

11.1. There are no specific HR implications related to this report.

12. Equality and Inclusion Implications

12.1. Youth Funding gives all local community and voluntary groups an equal opportunity to apply for funding to support positive activities for young people

Appendices	Appendix 1 – LYN Terms of Reference Appendix 2 – Positive Activities for Young People Toolkit Appendix 3 – Application from Riverbank Studios
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